

REMARKS

The Examiner is requested to reconsider the application in view of the attached supplemental declaration of Kevin Donovan and the document provided herewith.

1. Additional Supplemental Declaration of Prior Invention in the United States to Overcome Cited Patent or Publication (37 C.F.R. 1.131) and attached report "Prodigy Instant Messaging Exploration."

The attached is further evidence that the invention was completed in the United States on a date prior to May 5, 1999.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions or the Applicant can be of any assistance, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the Applicant at the number below.

With respect to the present application, the Applicant hereby rescinds any disclaimer of claim scope made in the parent application or any predecessor or related application. The Examiner is advised that any previous disclaimer, if any, and the prior art that it was made to avoid, may need to be revisited. Nor should a disclaimer, if any, in the present application be read back into any predecessor or related application.

APPLICANT CLAIMS LARGE ENTITY STATUS. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the above-identified patent application or credit any overcharges to Deposit Account No. 50-0235.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned at the address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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